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¶1. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATE REF REPORT ON JAPAN-IRAN TRADE ISSUES. IT PROVIDES TIMELY, DETAILED, AND UPDATED TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES INFORMATION THAT IS VERY HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN ANALYSTS ARE TRYING TO DIG DEEPER INTO IRAN'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE PARAGRAPH 6, AS IT GIVES MORE INSIGHT INTO IRAN'S AUTOMOBILE MARKET. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS POST CAN PROVIDE ON THIS ISSUE, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT. THANK YOU, AND BEST REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

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